



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

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EASY STEP PACKINGHOUSE PROCEDURES

- Packinghouse must contact the Caribfly office at least 24 hours prior to packing certified fruit.
- When fruit arrives at the packinghouse, check each field bin for orange identification cards, replace missing cards and top two rows, if necessary, before or as bins are unloaded from harvesting trailer.
- Verify the information listed on the orange identification cards and that the designated area is certified on the trapping report.
- Ensure that there is adequate space separating certified and non-certified fruit in the coloring rooms, cooler, and on the floor.
- Before certified fruit is run, dump area and lines should be checked for fruit from previous run. All safely accessible fruit shall be removed from dump area, machinery, grading tables, packing areas and floor. No fruit shall remain that could jeopardize the certification of the fruit to be run.
- Check that Caribbean Fruit Fly Packinghouse signs are posted at the dumping machine, packing lines, and storage area.
- Each carton of certified fruit must be labeled with the wording Designated Area, followed by county abbreviation, number & alphabetical suffix if applicable.
Ex. Designated Area IR 199 A
- All labeling must be legible.
- Individual pallets must have an orange identification card for each designated area permanently attached to the cartons for maintaining the identity of the fruit.
- Palletized cartons must be stored in segregated areas away from non-certified fruit.